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unions are not part of the FDIC program, so they were going to check on whether or not there was some element of risk and how they felt about it. I, in the intervening, time have also done some checking and am reminded of something that I knew but had forgotten and that was that the credit unions themselves have an equivalent kind of security mechanism. It's called the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. It is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government as well. It's maximum is \$100,000. It mirrors in every way FDIC, except that it's for credit unions. There has never been a loss to a customer since the inception of this fund in 1970. So my reaction is that these accounts in credit unions would be as insured and as safe as if they were in another financial institution that was backed by FDIC. That, frankly, was the position of the Banking Department, who said that the fund was created in 1970, that no members lost money, and that they urged the advancement of 107. Their reading was this was as a level playing field with as much security in these institutions as they would have in any other institution. So I support Senator Pedersen. I ask for the advancement of the bill as well. And I think the question that was raised in committee I wanted to answer on the floor in this way and put that into the record. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Landis. There being no further lights, Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen, to close. He waives closing. The question is to advance LB 107 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 107.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 107 is advanced to E & R Initial.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 172, introduced by the Agriculture Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, at that time referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes the